GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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COAL BED METHANE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated Coal Bed Methane (CBM) resources in India;

(b) whether the Government has signed any contract with PSUs/private companies for exploration and production of CBM;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the commercial production of CBM will start in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) The estimated CBM resources in the country are approximately 1.4 TCM.

(b) & (c):- Yes Sir. The Government have signed 16 CBM contracts with the PSUs and private companies for exploration and production of CBM. Details are enclosed in Annexe.

(d) The commercial production of CBM in the country is likely to commence by 2007-08.